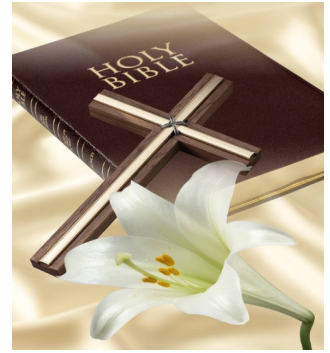


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EDITORIAL:

Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth (chapter 4:7-9), has always encouraged me especially when coupled with Philipians 4:13 (*I can do all things through Christ ...*). In his book Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in the USA, said this

"God is attracted to weakness. He can't resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need Him."

In the year ahead of us, it is my prayer that we will become more dependent on God for wisdom, guidance, strength and for sustenance. When we develop helpless dependence on God, His power is always manifested through us. The year 2008, promises to be interesting—not without its challenges—but certainly with its victories. Only those who have this dependence on God will enjoy His power and His presence.

I challenge us all to become people of prayer, as prayer is the barometer of our church. Our future will depend on the times of prayer we engage in. This is the engine that will drive our church. Prayer—constant prayer—highlights our dependence on God.

I therefore continue to encourage all of us to develop that dependence on God.



Rev. Ainsley Davis

REMINDERS

February

- 6th Ash Wednesday
Fasting, prayer & healing service
- 10th First Sunday in Lent
- 17th Second Sunday in Lent
- 20th 158th JBU General Assembly begins
- 24th Assembly Closing Service (National Arena)

We invite your prayerful and physical support of these services. Also, invite family and friends to share in these services.



Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent.

The purpose of the Lenten period, is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering, his sacrifice, his life, his death, his burial and his resurrection.

During this time, many Christians prepare for the Lenten season by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self examination, penitence and spiritual discipline. It is a time for concentration on fundamental values and priorities, and is not a time for self punishment.

Let us prepare ourselves to make Christ more meaningful in our lives for 2008—through daily prayers and confessions, through a deeper study of the Word, through reflection on the past Believers' Enrichment Week services and through demonstrating the love of Christ to every person we come in contact with.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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Remember to pray for the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities. Even moreso at Christmas, take the time to express your love and care in tangible ways. Here is a list of some of our shut-in members:

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| Roslyn Walters | Victoria Pollock |
| Jeremiah Dalhouse | Basil Dixon |
| Rueben Byfield | Gladys Spence |
| Herma Grandison | Gloria Jefferson |
| Hilda Bryan | Alberta Bailey-Johnson |
| Audrey Maxwell | Adassa Reddie |
| John Harriott | Inez Graham |
| Athelia Williams | Lucy DaCosta |
| Lucan Scott | |

TEN STEPS TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- ◆ Set individual academic and personal goals.
- ◆ Choose courses carefully, especially during your first year.
- ◆ Know and use resources.
- ◆ Meet and get to know faculty.
- ◆ Learn actively.
- ◆ Manage your time well.
- ◆ Know and actively use reading skills.
- ◆ Develop strong listening and note-taking skills.
- ◆ Develop and improve your writing and speaking skills.
- ◆ Get involved in co-curricular activities; learn skills and gain experience



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Living in the Spirit

Living in the Spirit is living a life of obedience to God.

Has God found in you a person who is willing to obey Him completely? Can He trust you with the pearl of greatest price?

If we are going to live in the Spirit, we must say “no” to self. There are plenty of would be followers of Christ who would follow Him half-way, but not all the way. The other half of the problem is self. Am I willing to die to self?

The normal Christian life is one that is willing to follow the Holy Spirit in complete obedience, without reservation, and disown self. It means to commit yourself literally, utterly, completely in unreserved obedience to God.

Obedience to the Holy Spirit means freedom. There is great freedom in the spiritual life that comes as we yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit. The reason it is so freeing is that it is cut loose from subtle selfishness.

“If you love Me; you will obey Me,” Jesus said. When we obey Him we are walking in perfect freedom. “It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1). If you are led by the Spirit, you must walk in the Spirit.

<http://www.abideinchrist.com/selah/oct8.html>

CRUSADE 2008

- The Ocho Rios Circuit of Baptist Churches has planned a 2-week crusade for **March 30 - April 13, 2008.**
- The theme is **Jesus—the fountain of Life.**
- Your prayers are important for this special occasion.
- Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Jamaica Baptist Union Theme



Extending our commitment:
Reaching New Possibilities -
“Living in the Spirit”

5th & 6th formers, you should by now have applied to enter your next academic institution! Don't delay, act today!!